Centrally sponsored scheme for development of backward areas

1140. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Centrally sponsored scheme was implemented for development of backward areas during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what were the achievements of the scheme; and

(c) how far Andhra Pradesh benefited from the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Yes Sir. During the Eighth Plan period following two Centrally sponsored schemes for development of backward areas were implemented.

(1) Growth Centre Scheme

(2) Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme (implemented by the, Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries), Ministry of Small Scale Industries, Agro and Rural Industries).

The Growth Centre Scheme envisages development of industrial infrastructure so as to enable the States to physically establish the growth centre and to attract industrial units to the industrially backward districts. The integrated Infrastructure Development (UD) Scheme envisages development of infrastructure facilities for small scale industries to facilitate location of industries in rural/backward areas. These schemes have been carried over to the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

(b) and (c) Achievements;

Growth Centre Scheme:

The total number of growth centres approved during the Eighth Five Year Plan was 54 and total central assistance released was Rs. 228.75 crores. Full amount of Central Government assistance was released towards 12 growth centres having regard to the progress achieved in the implementation of the growth centres. The four growth centres identified in Andhra Pradesh, are Hindupur (District Anantapur, Khammam) (District Khammam), Vizianagaram-Bobbili (District Vizianagram) and Ongole (District Prakasam).

Progress reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the implementation of the aforesaid four growth centres under this Scheme as on 30.6.99 is as follows:—

In Hindupur (District Anantapur) growth centre a total expenditure of Rs. 288 lakh approx, has been incurred with the central release of Rs. 200 lakhs and balance incurred by the State. 249 industrial plots have been developed of which 128 plots have already been allotted in the growth centre.

In the growth centre at Vizianagaram-Bobbili, a total expenditure of Rs. 1037 lakh approx, has been incurred by the State with Central assistance of Rs. 540 lakh and the balance by the State Government. 408 plots have been developed.

In Ongole growth centre a total expenditure of Rs. 1156 lakh approx, has been incurred with Central release of Rs. 650 lakh and the balance by the State Government. 674 plots have been developed. In regard to Khammam growth centre, Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs has been released. No progress has been reported by the State Government in this centre.

Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme (UD):

Under the Scheme 47 projects are being implemented in various States. The developmental work in respect of 9 centres have almost completed and many units have been set up.

Four centres have been approved in the State of Andhra Pradesh in:—

(1) Vill. Nandial, District Mandal Kurnool: where the Central Govt, has released Rs. 65.50 lakh to the project.

(2) Vill. Gajularamaram, District Rangareddy: Where the Central Govt, has released Rs. 43.60 lakh to the project.

(3) Vill. Tada, District Nellore: where the Central Govt, has released Rs. 94.00 lakh to the project.

(4) Vill. Madikonda, District Warangal: recently sanctioned.

Projects under both the schemes are being implemented by the State Governments.